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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Board of Occupational Therapy Practice
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	November 2, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A, Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED:	January 4, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Wendy Mears, Professional Member, Chairperson
Kimberly Pierson, Professional Member, Vice Chairperson
Nancy Broadhurst, Professional Member
Rosemarie Vanderhoogt, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General
Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III

MEMBER ABSENT

Victor Kennedy, Public Member

ALSO PRESENT

Thomas Mitchell
Jessica Garcia
Judith Wolf
Deborah Simmons
Emily Keiser
Diane Bristow
Marie Caron
Kelly Richardson
Jessica Tyndall

Joyce Denman

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Mears called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 7, 2011 meeting. Ms. Broadhurst made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratify Applications for Occupational Therapist/Occupational Therapy Assistant

Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Broadhurst to ratify the following applications:

Frances Waldron – Occupational Therapist
Megan Jackson – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Barbara Mitchell – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Megan Gorman – Occupational Therapist
Melissa Frost – Occupational Therapist
Alice Erdly – Occupational Therapist
Megan Ramage – Occupational Therapist
Vaidehi Patel – Occupational Therapist
Isaac Nduta – Occupational Therapy Assistant
Tara Kulak – Occupational Therapist
Megan McCartney – Occupational Therapist

The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to approve the following continuing education courses:

Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council
Life Conference XIV – 4.5 hours

Delaware Association for Home & Community Care
Transitions Across the Continuum of Care – 6 hours

Medtronic, Inc.
Focus on Rehabilitation: Advances in Spasticity Management – 4 hours

Cindy Rickards – Care2Learn
Avoiding the Use of Restraints – 1 hour
Coaching for Better Performance – 2 hours

Therapy Services of Delaware, Inc.

Special Education Law and the IEP Process – 1.25 hours
Working and Thriving in the School Setting – 6 hours

Christiana Care Visiting Nurse Association

Oncology and Rehabilitation in Home Care – 6 hours

Bayada Nurses

Special Children Special Needs: A Team Approach to Meeting the Challenges – 6 hours

Skills First, LLC

Rehabilitation Therapy Leaders: Management Principles in Today's HealthCare
Climate – 6 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ms. Broadhurst made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to table the following continuing education course and request proof of completion with practitioner's name identified on a valid certificate and a timed agenda:

Elaine Ulmer – Lingui Systems
Syndrome Disorders

The motion was unanimously carried.

Board/Commission Member Training

The Board/Commission Member Training will be held on November 18, 2011 at the Duncan Center in Dover.

Letter from Joyce Denman, Capital School District, Regarding Regulations and Supervision of COTAs in the Public School Setting

Board members reviewed the letter from Joyce Denman of the Capital School District regarding the District's problem with supervision for the COTA. The occupational therapist who works in the District was newly licensed in August. According to the rules and regulations, an occupational therapist must have one year of clinical experience before they can supervise. The District does not have another occupational therapist on staff to perform the supervisory responsibilities without compromising time with students. Ms. Heeney advised the Board that Section 2002(4) states that an occupational therapy assistant shall mean a person licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy under the supervision of an occupational therapist. Section 1.0 of the rules and regulations address the supervision requirements. There is no language in the statute or rules and regulations that gives the Board the authority to waive the supervision requirements. Ms. Denman was present and addressed the Board regarding the letter. Ms. Denman was advised that a waiver of the supervision requirements was not an option for the Board. Ms. Mears made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to send a written response to Ms. Denman. The motion was unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: Letter from Mr. Collins Regarding Proposed Legislation for Chaperone Requirements

The Board reviewed the proposed language that the Board of Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers had drafted and the proposed language drafted by Ms. Broadhurst. Proposed language was drafted. Ms. Pierson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mears to approve the proposed language. The motion was unanimously carried. A brief discussion was held about notification forms and having a sample on the Board's website. This will be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Discussion: Memorandum from James Collins Regarding Legislation for the 146th General Assembly, 2nd Legislative Session

It was decided at the last meeting that members would review the current statute and determine if there were any proposed changes that needed to be made. After review, it was decided that the Board would not submit any draft legislation for the 146th General Assembly, 2nd Legislative Session.

Ms. Mears reported on the NBCOT 2011 State Regulatory Conference that she attended October 21-22, 2011 in Alexandria, Virginia. One of the main topics was telehealth. Ms. Mears read a portion of the Telerehabilitation Position Paper from the American Occupational Therapy Association which will be distributed to Board members. This will be put on the agenda for discussion at the January meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Richardson spoke about treatment of minors, specifically chronological age versus developmental age.

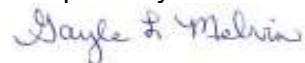
NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room A, 2nd floor, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Vanderhoogt made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pierson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gayle L. Melvin
Administrative Specialist III